

APPENDIX A4

LEVEL OF CARE

The following is a general description of each level of care and characteristics of clients in each level of care category. There are obviously areas of overlap and general characteristics that may apply to individuals at each level, but generally, as the frequency and intensity of professional intervention increases, so should the level of care.

Class 1 (ICF)

Generally the ICF client will have moderate functional impairments and stable/controlled medical conditions. The client may have periodic emotional or mental disturbances that can be controlled with moderate caregiver intervention. Treatments and medication regimes will typically be routine.

The ICF client typically would be expected to have a number of the following characteristics:

- ° Impairments in ADLs, which may be moderate to severe. The client would usually not however, be considered "total care" in all ADLs;
- ° Incontinence;
- ° Some disorientation along with mild behavior problems, or behavior problems; limited to one area.
- ° Medical conditions which would be considered stable, with moderate; nursing/medical monitoring.
- ° Medical/nursing treatments which might be considered routine such as range of motion, routine medication administration and monitoring, injections, routine catheter care, oxygen administration, wound care, etc.

Class 2 (SNF-1)

Generally the SNF-1 client will have severe functional impairment. Medical conditions are under control with moderate professional intervention. An acceptable level of control of behavior disturbances can be maintained with frequent caregiver intervention. Treatments and medications require close monitoring by professionals.

The SNF-1 client typically would be expected to have a number of the following characteristics:

- ° Impairments in ADLs, with most requiring extensive or total care;
- ° Incontinence;

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- ° Disorientation and serious behavior problems, usually in more than one area. Behaviors are controlled with frequent intervention;
- ° Medical conditions requiring frequent professional monitoring to maintain stability (e.g., unstable hypertension needing frequent assessment and adjustment of medication);
- ° Medical/nursing treatments which may be routine, or may involve some non-routine treatments/services (e.g., assessment and adjustment of routine medication regime, decubitus care [Stage 1-3], assessment of chronic seizure activity, tube feeding).

Class 3 (SNF-2)

The SNF-2 client will have unstable or severe medical conditions requiring close and frequent professional assessment. Medication regimes may be complex and functional abilities are maximally impaired. Behaviors may be severely disabling and/or uncontrolled.

The SNF-2 client typically would be expected to have a number of the following characteristics:

- ° Impairments in ADLs, with many or all requiring extensive or total care;
- ° Incontinence;
- ° Maximum disorientation and serious uncontrolled behavior problems;
- ° Medical conditions that require intense professional intervention in order to maintain stability (e.g., unstable diabetes, coma, terminal medical conditions).
- ° Medical/nursing treatments and monitoring that is relatively complex. More than one professional or technical treatment would be expected. Examples of treatments received might be IV therapy, tube or parenteral feeding, care of recent wound, care of infected or Stage 4 decubitus, deep suctioning or an extensive rehabilitative regime.

Class 4 SNF-3

Ventilator Dependent.